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In re the Application of:

Eric J. Stotzer, et al.

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For: Methods and Apparatus for Reducing the Size of Code With an Exposed Pipeline by Encoding NOP Operations as Instruction Operands

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 1, 2003**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed October 1, 2003, the period for response being extended to March 1, 2004, by the concurrently filed Petition for Automatic Extension of Time, please amend this application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 13 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 18 of this paper.

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